

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2501–2515; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 222, were introduced. **Pages H5550–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5551–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 283, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 660) to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees (H. Rept. 108–160);

H. Con. Res. 21, commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase (H. Rept. 108–161);

H.R. 1772, to improve small business advocacy, amended (H. Rept. 108–162); and

H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, amended (H. Rept. 108–163). **Page H5550**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ose to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5471**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Timothy Smith, Chaplain, Sun Health Hospice of Sun City, Arizona. **Page H5471**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, June 17 by recorded vote of 365 ayes to 59 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 286. **Pages H5471, H5491–92**

Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act: The House passed H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent by recorded vote of 264 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 288. **Pages H5492–H5514**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 287, rejected the Pomeroy amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to restore the estate tax, limit its applicability to estates of over \$3 million, and include provisions on the maximum estate tax rate, phaseout of graduated rates and unified credit, and valuation rules for certain transfers of nonbusiness assets. **Pages H5502–13**

H. Res. 281, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 230 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 285. Earlier agreed

to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 284.

Pages H5475–91, H5491

Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act: The House completed general debate on H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service. Pursuant to the earlier order of the House, The Chair announced that consideration will resume on Thursday, June 19. **Pages H5514–35**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment by the Committee on Ways and Means printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–61) and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–159 was considered as adopted.

H. Res. 282, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Further Consideration of Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act: Earlier agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act, pursuant to H. Res. 282, notwithstanding the ordering of the previous question, it may be in order at any time for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until a later time to be designated by the Speaker. **Page H5514**

Commission on Security and Cooperation In Europe: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Smith of New Jersey as acting Chairman, and Representatives Wolf, Pitts, Aderholt, Northup, Cardin, Slaughter, and Hastings of Florida to the Commission on Security and Cooperation In Europe. **Page H5549**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5490–91, H5491, H5491–92, H5512–13, and H5513–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review multilateral and bilateral agricultural trade negotiations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.